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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Darrow et al.	Atty. Docket:	ORT-1560
Serial No.:	10/041,054	Art Unit:	1652
Filed:	January 7, 2002	Examiner:	William W. Moore
For:	DNA Encoding the Human Serine Protease T		

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND PAYMENT OF EXCESS-CLAIM FEE**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a two (2)-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action dated July 9, 2003. An Amendment And Response To Office Action accompanies this petition. Please charge the \$420.00 petition fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

The enclosed Amendment converts a dependent claim into an independent claim, resulting in one excess independent claim. Please charge the \$86.00 excess-claim fee to the above-referenced deposit account.

If any other fees are due in connection with the filing of the response, please charge any necessary fees to the above-identified deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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